



Greater Kirkland Citizens Corps Annual Report

Fiscal Year: November 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017

Mission Statement

The mission of the Greater Kirkland Citizen Corps Council is to build a safer, more resilient community by helping to coordinate the preparedness efforts of local leaders, community groups, citizen volunteers, and the Kirkland Office of Emergency Management in responding to disasters of all kinds by harnessing the power of involved citizens.

2017 Elected Officers

President: Christina Brugman

Treasurer: Karen Lightfeldt

Secretary: Tricia Parker

Vice President: Roland White

Directors

Mary DeFriel: KECT

Susan Vossler: MYN

Stephanie Dickson: CERT

Financial Report

At the end of fiscal year 2017 there is \$22,459.97 in Wells Fargo account and \$325 in a PayPal account. GKCCC raised \$14,204 through CERT class fees, ongoing education, donations and employer matches.

Funds raised were used for two CERT training classes including backpacks, the drill and other equipment provided; instructor training and firefighter instructor salaries; ongoing education and speakers; radio and other equipment; and maintaining the website.

A Puget Sound Energy grant of \$3300 was received of which \$1700 was spent on supplies for the CERT pod. The remainder will be spent when we have a location and can purchase the shipping container and the other equipment. \$1500 was allocated for the Brugman grant.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Two CERT training classes were run this year, one spring and one fall. We assisted some CERTS in attending WA state traffic control training, adding these skills to those available if needed in our neighborhoods. Four new CERT instructors were trained, and the CERT website was updated to better handle increased interest in disaster preparedness. We staffed presentations and/or information tables at area churches and events, and at Costco during their employee safety week.

CERT leadership, in cooperation with the Emergency Manager have been working on a system of leadership levels and badges for Kirkland CERTs. We are also working on strengthening and organizing the Neighborhood Network by recruiting and advising neighborhood coordinators so that we can develop strong CERT leadership and cooperative relationships with community groups to host CERT supply pods in neighborhoods. The CERT Steering Committee met monthly to plan and oversee all CERT activities.

Kirkland Emergency Communications Team (KECT)

KECT added several new members this year due to our training relationship with the Lake Washington Ham Club. This partnership also let nine KECT members with Technician class licenses acquire higher level General class licenses, increasing the number of members who can now be trained as EmComm Leads. Four Technician classes and one General class were taught with a total of 80 students. The radio room at City Hall was finished and moved into allowing quick access to provide UHF, VHF, and HF communications to the EOC when needed.

Mini classes and presentations were added to KECT meetings to provide ongoing education to members on a variety of topics including backup power, solar power, and Winlink (email via radio) communications. KECT members ran radio drills on the fifth Saturday of every month that had one and participated in local and regional drills, nets, and training opportunities.

Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)

MYN held two facilitator training sessions with a total of 71 participants. MYN and disaster preparation information was also shared at neighborhood association meetings in Everest and West Market, and to the Unitarian Church to a total of 55 people. We provided the city with a map of the current 22 MYN locations in Kirkland.

GKCCC Public Outreach

During this year GKCCC was able to support members of CERT, MYN, and KECT in a variety of community outreach and education opportunities:

CHRISTINA BRUGMAN GRANT

During this fiscal year, the Greater Kirkland Citizen Corps Council introduced a grant in appreciation of Christina Brugman for her untiring devotion to promoting emergency preparedness in the City of Kirkland. Funds are allocated to award the grant twice yearly.

Applicant projects must support the mission of GKCCC which is to build a safer, more resilient community by helping to coordinate the preparedness efforts of local leaders, community groups, citizen volunteers and the Kirkland Office of Emergency Management in responding to disaster of all kinds by harnessing the power of involved citizens.

This year's recipients of the grant are:

1. Evergreen Health to help fund implementation of the Stop the Bleed national training model on the Eastside, instructing residents who are often at the scene before first responders how to stop massive bleeds. Evergreen Health is not extending this training to the Lake Washington School District.
2. Norkirk Supplies for Emergency Response, an effort of the Norkirk CERT team and Lake Washington Christian Church to build a prepared and resilient neighborhood by providing a cache of equipment and supplies for disaster response.
3. Joy Tjoelker, by providing flagging and traffic control equipment to give her and other CERTs trained in traffic management the tools needed to relieve police officers for more important duties.

The grant will be offered again in 2018.

Participated in the Crossing Kirkland event on the Cross Kirkland Corridor by providing an information booth, radio communications between stations and the roving transportation cart, and first aid personnel at each station with the help of Fire Corps Volunteers.

Kirkland Office of Emergency Management hosted CERT, MYN, and KECT in the Emergency Operations Center during the Kirkland City Hall for All event. Each group had information about what they do and how to join as well as general disaster preparedness and safety.

Volunteers from CERT, MYN, and KECT ran an information booth at two of the Juanita Friday Markets to inform people about disaster preparedness and the King County Alert system.

Offered a variety of ongoing community education classes with a total of 273 participants across all classes. Class topics included:

Basic Disaster Preparedness

Post-Disaster Mental Health Support

Shelter-In-Place

Water Storage, Safety and Distribution in a Disaster

Preparing Pets for a Disaster

WA Fusion Center Community Awareness Presentation

Basic Traffic Control

Medical Operations II

Electrical Safety